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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - MIDDLE EAST REPORTING IN MOROCCAN  
PRESS, AUG 13-15

SUMMARY: AFTER RELATIVELY CURSORY REPORTING ON MID-EAST  
DEVELOPMENTS OVER WEEK-END, MOROCCAN PRESS AUG. 15 PRINTS ROUND-  
UP OF PESSIMISTIC COMMENTS FROM SEVERAL ARAB CAPITALS. END SUMMARY.

1. MOROCCAN PRESS HAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON MID-EAST SITUATION  
FOLLOWING VANCE RETURN TO WASHINGTON, BUT REPORTS COMMENTS BY OTHER  
ARAB LEADERS EXTENSIVELY. ON GOVERNMENT SIDE, "MAROC SOIR"  
AUG. 15 HEADLINES "THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW MID-EAST CONFLICT  
EVOKED BY SEVERAL ARAB LEADERS" AND PRINTS COMMENTS BY PLO  
POLITICAL BUREAU HEAD FAROUK KADDOUMI, HUSSEIN'S  
"DIE WELT" INTERVIEW AND KUWAIT PAPER "AL WATAN," "ALL ON  
LIKELIHOOD OF FURTHER ARMED CONFLICT SHOULD PEACE EFFORTS FAIL.  
CARTER'S  
INTENT TO MEET ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS IN SEPTEMBER  
AND THE U.S. DECISION NOT TO MEET THE FULL ISRAELI REQUEST FOR  
F-16'S REPORTED SPARATELY. OTHER PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS REPORT  
HUSSEIN'S "NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR" INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE STATES  
"1977 WILL BE THE YEAR OF PEACE OR OF CATASTROPHE" ("LE MATIN")  
AND REPRINT AN ORIENT PRESS (S.KOREAN) ANALYSIS ENTITLED "WHO  
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CONVINCED WHOM IN WASHINGTON?" AND WHICH CLAIMS THAT THE PROPOSITIONS  
VANCE PRESENTED ARE REALLY A "BEGIN PLAN" (AL MSSIRA AL KHADRA).

2. IN OPPOSITION PRESS, EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN DECISION NOT TO ENTER ANY  
NEW "PARTIAL AGREEMENTS" IS PROMINENTLY FEATURED, AS IS ARAFAT'S  
DETERMINATION "TO CARRY THE STRUGGLE TO JERUSALEN," VOICED ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF THE TELL AL ZAATAR CAMP.

ISTIQLAL'S "AL ALAM" BOASTS THAT "ARAB DIPLOMACY BROUGHT ISRAEL AND THE USA TO A VIOLENT CONFRONTATION." FINALLY, COMMUNIST "AL BAYANE" UNDER TITLE "THE VANCE MISSION -- THE MOUNTAIN THAT GAVE BIRTH TO A MOUSE" COMPARES FAILURE OF VANCE MISSION TO PRIOR FAILURES OF KISSINGER AND ROGERS -- ALL OF WHOM STARTED OUT UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT THERE WAS SOME CAUSE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT OTHER THAN THE REAL ONE -- THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. ANDERSON

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